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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Request for Nominations for Voting Members on a Public Advisory Committee; Risk Communication Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is requesting nominations for members to serve on the Risk Communication Advisory Committee, Office of Planning, Office of Policy and Planning, Office of the Commissioner.

FDA has a special interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and individuals with disabilities are adequately represented on advisory committees and, therefore, encourages nominations of qualified candidates from these groups.

DATES: Nominations received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be given first consideration for membership on the Risk Communication Advisory Committee. Nominations received after [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered for nomination to the committee as later vacancies occur.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for membership should be sent electronically to [cv@oc.fda.gov](mailto:cv@oc.fda.gov) or by mail to the Advisory Committee Oversight and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 32, rm. 5103, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding all nomination questions for membership, the primary contact is:

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Information about becoming a member on an FDA advisory committee can also be obtained by visiting FDA's Web site by using the following link:

<http://www.fda.gov/AdvisoryCommittees/default.htm>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

FDA is requesting nomination for voting members on the Risk Communication Advisory Committee.

#### I. General Description of the Committee Duties

The Risk Communication Advisory Committee advises the Commissioner of Food and Drugs or designee on methods to effectively communicate risks associated with products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and in discharging responsibilities as they relate to helping to ensure safe and effective drugs for human use and any other product for which the Food and Drug Administration has regulatory responsibility.

The Committee reviews and evaluates strategies and programs designed to communicate with the public about the risks and benefits of FDA-regulated products so as to facilitate optimal use of these products. The Committee also reviews and evaluates research relevant to such communication to the public by both FDA and other entities. It also facilitates interactively sharing risk and benefit information with the public to enable people to make informed independent judgments about use of FDA-regulated products.

## II. Criteria for Voting Members

The Committee consists of a core of 15 voting members including the Chair. Members and the Chair are selected by the Commissioner or designee from among authorities knowledgeable in fields such as social marketing, health literacy, and other relevant areas.

Members will include experts on risk communication, experts on emerging postmarket drug risks and individuals knowledgeable about and experienced in the work of patient, consumer, and health professional organizations. Almost all non-Federal members of this committee serve as Special Government Employees. Some members will be selected to provide experiential insight on the communication needs of the various groups who use FDA-regulated products. The latter may include patients and patients' family members, health professionals, communicators in health, medicine and science, and persons affiliated with consumer, specific disease, or patient safety advocacy groups. Members will be invited to serve for terms of up to 4 years.

## III. Nomination Procedures

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership on the advisory committee. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nominations must include a current, complete résumé or curriculum vitae for each nominee, including current business address and/or home address, telephone number, and email address if available. Nominations

must also specify the advisory committee for which the nominee recommended. Nominations must also acknowledge that the nominee is aware of the nomination unless self-nominated. FDA will ask potential candidates to provide detailed information concerning such matters related to financial holdings, employment, and research grants and/or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest.

This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR part 14, relating to advisory committees.

Dated: February 16, 2012.

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Acting Associate Commissioner for Special Medical Programs.

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